Amendments to the Claims:

1 – 24. (canceled)

25. (new) A loading platform system for mounting on vehicles having a support frame, particularly trucks, comprising: a lift support arrangement (12) consisting of two essentially parallel spaced support structures (13, 14), an essentially plate-like loading platform (15) supported by said parallel spaced support structures (13, 14) for lifting and lowering a load, at least one lift actuating device (16, 17) for lifting and lowering the loading platform (15) as well as a slide unit (18) with a slide guide structure (30, 31) and slide elements (32, 33), which are back and forth movable in the longitudinal direction (112) of the vehicle along the slide guide structure (30, 31) and to which at least the lift support arrangement, the loading platform (15) and at least the lift actuating device (16, 17) are attached, said slide unit being mountable on the support frame of the vehicle by way of transverse members (19, 20) which bridge the distance between two spaced frame members (110, 111) of the vehicle support frame and, at their longitudinal ends, are firmly connected to said vehicle support frame members (110, 111), the slide guide structure (30, 31) including stops (45, 46) provided with opening (450, 460) extending into the path of movement of the slide elements (32, 33) and the slide elements (32, 33) having support pins (322, 332) extending into the openings (450, 460) when the slide elements (32, 33) are moved into engagement with the stops (45, 46) for force- and form-locking engagement of the slide elements (32, 33) with the slide guide structure (30, 31).

26. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said transverse member (19, 20) is provided at its op-

posite ends (21, 22) with front elements (23, 24) which are connected to the transverse members (19, 20) and by way of which the transverse members (19, 20) are mounted on said support frame members (110, 111).

27. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said slide unit (18) is removably connected by way of tab-like clamping elements (230, 240), which extend over horizontal webs of said frame members (110, 111) forming the vehicle support frame.

28. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said slide unit (18) is mounted to the transverse members (19, 20) such that said slide unit (18) is movable essentially in the longitudinal direction with respect said support frame members (110, 111) of the vehicle when a force is effective on said slide unit (18) which exceeds a predetermined amount.

29. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 28, wherein said slide unit (18) includes, at the side (26) thereof directed toward the transverse member (19, 20), at least two opposite spaced legs (27, 28) in which elongated holes (29) for mounting the slide unit (18) to the transverse member (19, 20) are formed.

30. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said slide unit (18) comprises at least two essentially parallel spaced guide elements (26) which are stationary relative to the vehicle frame and at least two essentially parallel spaced slide elements (32, 33) which are supported by said guide elements (16, 17) movably longitudinally back and forth relative to the vehicle frame.

31. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 30, wherein said guide elements (26) have an essentially C-shaped cross-section.

32. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 30, wherein said slide elements are slideably supported in the guide elements (30, 31).

33. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 30, wherein said slide elements (32, 33) are guided in the guide elements (30, 31) by roller elements (320, 321, 330, 331) mounted on the slide elements (32, 33).

34. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said holes (450, 460) and the support pins (322, 332) are conical in their longitudinal cross-section.

35. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said stops (45, 46) are adjustable in the longitudinal direction (112) of the vehicle.

36. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein said slide unit (18) includes end stops (47, 48) which are effective in the longitudinal direction (112) of the vehicle at least in the direction of slide-in movement (114) of the slide elements (32, 33) and which limit the slide-in movement of said slide unit (18).

37. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 36, wherein said end stops (47, 48) are so designed that they are non-elastically deformed when subjected by the slide elements (32, 33) to a force above a predetermined threshold in the longitudinal vehicle direction (112).

38. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein a slide actuator (34) is provided for moving said slide elements 32, 33) back and forth.

39. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 38, wherein said slide actuator (34) consists of a pneumatically or hydraulically operated piston cylinder system.

40. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 25, wherein a transverse beam (35) is provided by which the spaced support structures (13, 14) are interconnected.

41. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 40, wherein said transverse beam (35) is arranged at the end of the support structure remote from the slide unit (18).

42. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 41, wherein said transverse beam (35) is in the form of a back-ending protection element.

43. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 41, wherein said transverse beam is essentially rectangular in cross-section.

44. (new) A loading platform system according to claim 41, wherein said transverse beam (35) is provided at each end (36, 37) with a flange web (38, 39) by way of which it is mounted to one of the support structures (13, 14).